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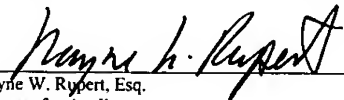
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For: ENERGY EFFICIENT GAS SEPARATION
FOR FUEL CELLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the referenced application and add new claims as requested below.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Once amended) An electrical current generating system, comprising:
at least one fuel cell operating at a temperature of at least about 250°C;
at least one gas system selected from a hydrogen gas separation system or oxygen gas delivery system coupled to the fuel cell, the hydrogen gas separation system or oxygen gas delivery system including at least one device selected from a compressor or pump; and
a drive system for the compressor or pump that includes means for recovering energy from at least one of the hydrogen gas separation system, oxygen gas delivery system, or heat of the fuel cell.

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31. (Once amended) A process for providing at least one feed stream to at least one fuel cell operating at a temperature of at least about 250°C, comprising:
providing at least one of a hydrogen gas separation system or oxygen gas delivery system coupled to the fuel cell, the hydrogen gas separation system or oxygen gas delivery system including at least one device selected from a compressor or vacuum pump;
recovering energy from at least one of the hydrogen gas separation system, oxygen gas delivery system, or heat of the fuel cell; and